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PRIOR FIRST IN FROM CAPE SHORE

Brings New Steamer Thelma Home From Maiden Trip With 8000 Fresh Mackerel and Gets 29c Each For Them.

The first fresh mackerel fare of the season from a seiner at Boston is the new steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior who is at T wharf, this forenoon, with 8000 large fresh mackerel, taken down on the Cape Shore Monday night, as forecasted reported in the Times of Thursday.

Capt. Prior reports bad weather up to Monday last when it struck a flat calm and he took his school off Halifax. A fleet of 35 sail were in the vicinity at the time, but had taken no fish. On account of the previous bad weather, the fleet had done little or nothing up to Monday night.

The fish brought 29 cents each in this morning's market.

The first arrival from the Cape Shore last year was June 13, when sch. Frances S. Grueby, Capt. Enos Nickerson landed 143 barrels of salt mackerel and 8000 fresh mackerel. The fresh mackerel then sold at 27 cents each and the salt ones at \$11 a barrel.

First Trips.

The first trip to be landed at Boston in 1911 was on June 9, when sch. Constellation brought in 160 barrels of salt and 17,000 fresh; 1910, June 13, schs. Lucania arrived with 8000 fresh and Benj. A. Smith with 40 barrels salt; 1909, June 9, sch. Speculator, 20 barrels salt and 45,000 fresh; 1908, June 6 sch. Monarch 30 barrels salt and 50,000 fresh.

What Do You Think of this Fish Story?

Says the Fishing Gazette of May 20: The Gloucester fishing fleet made a \$41,800 catch in one day last week and registered the record catch of the sea-

son. About 680 barrels of fresh mackerel, totaling some 110,000 fish, were brought in for shipment to New York market. The fleet struck a swimming shoal of mackerel and the harvest was enormous. Mackerel bring fancy prices as they can be caught only in the spring time. Just at present the fish are running heaviest off Atlantic City and if the run continues this city will continue the chief shipping point to the New York market. The fishermen have made heavy deposits at local banks and say they expect to clean up \$5000 each for the time spent here.

The Salt Mackerel Market.

The mackerel market is not very active, says the Fishing Gazette. Some dealers report good exports, while others say they are shipping very little. Prices have advanced for Norway No. 1s and No. 4s; other prices remain the same. Large mackerel for export are scarce and prices high. Reports from Nova Scotia are that the mackerel catch to date is light and that fishermen are consequently asking high prices. It is anticipated that high prices will be the rule for some time to come.

The mackerel situation is reported as being very unsatisfactory. In spite of the fact that prices are low, there is a poor demand. Many Norway mackerel, both here and abroad, remain in first hands and these will have to be sold. Unless the demand improves many of them will have to be carried over to the next season.

The mackerel catch on the Irish coast during the month of April was 3,199 bbls., as against 8,559 bbls. in April, 1912.

A cablegram from Liverpool says that the Irish catch is still far below normal. Shipments to Boston during the past week were 100 bbls., to other ports, 250 bbls.

WHAT BOB WHARTON HAS BEEN DOING

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, whose phenomenal trips and stocks have been the talk of the fleet the past few months, has established a record in the fresh halibut fishery of which any skipper would have just reason to feel proud.

Capt. "Bob" is one of those quiet fellows who does not like to say much about himself. He is nevertheless a hustler in every sense of the word and knows where to find the halibut if there is any to be found, as his record shows.

To be exact about it, Capt. Wharton has stocked in his four trips since the new year, the fine total of \$15,912.12, the crew's share being \$456.94 to a man clear.

On the first trip of the year the stock was \$3022.78, from which the crew shared \$61.41. On the next trip, the stock was \$4981.40, the men taking a check for \$150.05 as their part of the proceeds. The third trip's stock was \$2314.57 and the share \$65.25, while on the last one, the vessel stocked \$5,622.46 and the men \$180.50 clear to a man.

The latter share is \$16 less than was secured by the crew of sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, who holds the season's record for the highest single fare.

SCH. STILETTO FROM LABRADOR

And A. Piatt Andrew From Cape North Have Large Fares Here Today.

This morning's list of arrivals includes sch. Stiletto, Capt. William Grady from the Labrador coast with 40,000 pounds fresh halibut, 3000 flitches and 40,000 pounds salt cod. The American Halibut Company were the buyers of the halibut, paying seven cents a pound for white and five cents and four cents for small and large grays.

Saturday afternoon, sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, arrived from a Cape North shacking trip with 100,000 pounds salt cod and 15,000 pounds fresh cod. Down from Boston is sch. Frances V. Sylvia with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters.

Saturday afternoon and yesterday quite a fleet of gasoliners arrived with pollock and fresh herring. Most of the pollock went to split while some of the herring were also salted.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail are as follows:

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Cape North, 100,000 lbs. salt cod, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Stiletto, Labrador Coast, 40,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 40,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. flitched halibut.

Str. Advance, seining, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Alice, pollock seining, 11,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Jopplate, pollock seining, 17,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Herbert and Emma, pollock seining, 2825 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Rough Rider, pollock seining, 19,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, seining, 92 bbls. fresh herring, 2000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Str. Bessie A., pollock seining, 7 bbls. small pollock.

Str. Joanna, pollock seining, 12 bbls. small pollock.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Arrivals.

Str. Venture, seining, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Quartette, seining, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Bryda F., seining, 80 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Ethel, seining, 95 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 40 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Jeffery, seining, 30 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 35 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Quoddy, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Bessie A., pollock seining, 7500 lbs. fresh pollock.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.

Cape North codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Hake, \$1.50.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, 90c per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2 medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cape North cod, large \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, 90c.

Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c, round, 70c.

Bank halibut, 7 cents for white, 5 cents and 4 cents for gray and 3 cents for chicken.

BAKER'S DOZEN IN AT T WHARF

Steam Trawlers Have Lots of Haddock and Will Make Good Money.

The week started at T wharf, Boston, today with 13 fares at the dock, three of which are steam trawlers with haddock fares.

Steamer Crest has 37,000 pounds; Surf, 48,000 pounds; Foam, 87,000 pounds. The new sch. Progress from her maiden trip is at the dock with 41,000 pounds, while sch. Gertrude DeCosta has 100,000 pounds, the largest trip of the morning.

Wholesalers paid \$2 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.50 for market cod, \$1.25 to \$3 for hake, \$3 for pollock and \$2.50 to \$2.70 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Str. Crest, 57,000 haddock.

Str. Foam, 87,000 haddock.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, 3000 haddock, 85,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Progress, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 19,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, 20,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 500 haddock, 1500 cod, 10,000 cusk, 27,000 pollock.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 20,000 cod.

Str. Surf, 47,000 haddock, 800 cod, 400 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.25 to \$3; pollock, \$3; cusk, \$2.50 to \$2.70.

GRANDFATHER STURGEON.

Taken at Bath, 50 Years Old, Nine Feet Long, 500 Pounds.

A. K. Edgecomb of the North End, Bath, secured Saturday morning in his nets at the entrance to Sasanowa river, the largest sturgeon ever caught in the Kennebec. The fish was nine feet, two inches in length, and weighed 500 pounds. Its roes, which, after being prepared, are known as caviar, weighed 90 pounds, and are worth \$2 a pound. There was also 150 pounds of good meat in the fish, worth 23 cents a pound.

The sturgeon was probably 50 years old, and Edgecomb and his assistant, Ray Parker, landed the fish in his small launch unaided.

Portland Fishing Notes.

Few herring were landed Thursday by the local fishermen, the weather outside being too rough to do much. The few boats that made a catch baited it out to some of the fishing schooners coming from Boston and Gloucester. The steamer Pet tore her seine badly and was obliged to put back for repairs.

The Portland schooner Angie B. Watson arrived Thursday from a three weeks' cruise on the Western Banks with 22,000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt cod. The skipper reports on Friday last spoke the schooner Olympia on the Western Banks, she having at the time about 14,000 pounds of halibut.

Launch Largest Steam Fishing Craft in Maine.

With accommodations for a crew of 70 and a capacity of nearly 6000 barrels, the steamer East Hampton, launched Saturday is the largest steam fishing craft on the Atlantic coast. Her gross tonnage is 400, and she is nearly 163 feet long. A 900-horse power engine, to be installed at Portland next month, will give an estimated speed of 13 knots. The steamer will cost \$100,000 and will be owned in New York. She will be used in the menhaden fishery under command of Capt. H. N. Edwards of Amagansett, L. I.

Poor Fishing at Channel.

T. Soper, of Channel, N. F., writing the St. John's Board of Trade on the 17th, says that the total catch of codfish up to that date was 3332 qtls. of which only 96 quintals had been secured that week. The prospects are not good especially for the lobster fishery. On the 12th, only five boats went out and on the 15th none. Saturday the fishermen were driven off, but, as previously stated, were rescued by the Invermore.

The Lubees a Total Loss.

Word was received at Portland, Wednesday, by the F. S. Willard Co. from Capt. Maurice Lubees of the fishing schooner George H. Lubees, which vessel went ashore near Rockland on Saturday last, that the schooner was a total loss. Her dories were saved and the men had time to secure most of their effects, while the tug John C. Morrison of Rockland, which went to her assistance, managed to secure quite a lot of the schooner's fittings before she broke up.

New York Netting Arrivals.

The following netting fares are reported at New York this morning: Sch. E. A. Hooper, 75 fresh mackerel. Sch. Charlotte, 225 fresh mackerel. Sch. Reliance, 450 fresh mackerel.

Lunenburg Home.

Capt. Emiel C. Mack of the Lunenburg sch. Clintonia, arrived home last week from the banks, the amount of both spring trips totalling 1150 qtls.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Jack McKay, is at Portland with 40,000 pounds fresh halibut, 15,000 pounds salt cod and 5000 pounds fresh fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Mary T. Fallon and Rex arrived at Canso Thursday last and cleared for fishing.

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MORE EFFECT OF NEW TARIFF

Boston Men Put \$50,000 In- to Boneless Fish Plant at Cape Breton.

Three waterfront areas on the harbor at Leitch's Creek have been purchased by Captain Carter a big dealer, of Boston. The purchase will be followed immediately by the erection of an immense modern curing house.

The main building will be one hundred by sixty feet, equipped with all the latest devices for bleaching, curing and preparation of boneless fish, while local capital will be used principally. Boston men are interested to the extent of \$50,000. It is understood that a large cold storage plant will also be constructed here.—Halifax Herald.

T WHARF FEARS NO FISH INVASION

The threatened invasion of Boston's fish market with cheap supplies from Newfoundland is not likely to materialize, says the Boston Herald, according to opinions expressed by T wharf dealers.

They anticipate possibly lower prices through the revision of the tariff, but deny the outlook for any change due to Newfoundland competition.

A Boston fish bureau official admitted that the Newfoundlanders might bring salt fish here, but pointed out that their staple product—hard dried fish—is not in much demand in the section of the United States supplied from Boston.

"Perhaps under the new tariff," he said, "the Newfoundlanders may conclude to manufacture a brand of fish that will sell here, but their present trade requires practically all the fish caught by the fleet, and there is no need for any expansion which would put their product into Boston."

It was learned that American buyers are familiar with the conditions in Newfoundland. They have been for several years there picking up salt fish and herring whenever these fish could be obtained at a price which made profit possible. The herring they purchase during the winter season is loaded into schooners dispatched to Bay of Islands for the purpose of freighting the cargo into local ports—Boston and Gloucester.

While the Newfoundlanders are not likely to "butt in" with fresh fish at T wharf, they are known to be sending increased quantities of salt fish to the West Indies, South America and the coast countries of Europe.

SALT STEAMER HAD ROUGH TRIP

The British steamer Beeswing, Capt. R. Reeve, arrived here yesterday from Iviza, Spain, with a cargo of 2600 tons of salt consigned to Fred Bradley. The Beeswing was 22 days from Iviza and her captain had a rough and windy passage across.

- Vessels Sailed.**
- Sch. Thalia, Georges handling.
 - Sch. Volant, Georges handling.
 - Sch. Sadle M. Nunan, haddocking.
 - Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.
 - Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
 - Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

T Wharf's Weekly Receipts.

Arrivals of fresh ground fish at Boston for the week ending May 29, totaled 1,591,300 pounds from 36 fares against 1,420,450 pounds from 48 fares for the same week in 1912.

LOCAL FISH MEN BUY HEAVILY

And Cape Breton Fishermen Profit Accordingly on Re- cent Big Cod Hauls.

Great catches of fish are being taken in the Northern Victoria, Cape Breton waters, the like of which was never known at this season of the year. An instance of the great fortune that is smiling on the fishermen may be gathered from the fact that Sidney Burke took over 500 quintals of fish last week, which means a sum of \$2000 for his troubles, with the prospects brighter than ever for the near future.

The Middle Head Trap Company, composed of 11 men, with only two traps last week took on upwards of 160,000 pounds of haddock which they sold to the Gorton-Pew people for \$12,000 or over \$500 a man for seven days. Besides this amount they also succeeded in taking about 60,000 pounds which they sold to the other fishermen on shares, as the Gorton-Pew representative, James Walsh, was unable to close the bargain before the other boats negotiated for the 60,000 pounds.

Compared with last year, which was a phenomenal one so far as large catches were concerned, the success of the fishermen last week was not quite so good, but when it is remembered that the season for the haddock is not quite here, and will not come until about the first week in June, when the mackerel strike in, the catch so far is not only phenomenal, but even better than that of last year.

At any rate, the fishermen of Northern Victoria are reaping a great harvest, and every man of the local fleet is taking advantage of his opportunities and making hay while the sun shines.—North Sydney Herald.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

The new schooner Progress, of which Captain Antoine King Sousa is half owner and master, arrived from Gloucester May 22, with colors flying. She was alongside the Fisherman Cold Storage wharf Friday and Saturday and was thrown open for public inspection. Many people looked over the new craft and were favorably impressed with rig and accommodations. Refreshments were served. Saturday the crew got their belongings aboard and made everything ready to begin the season's work in a new vessel.

Sch. Mildred Robinson of Boston, brought here several weeks ago by Michael Gaspa, who was to sail in her as master, was taken back to Boston last week by her owner as it was impossible to ship a crew. While lying in the harbor a large quantity of trawl lines were stolen that were under lock and key.

Whiting were the only fish of any account to be taken in local waters last week.

Dogfish were plentiful last week and drove everything else away. This fact leads many to believe that mackerel are schooling not very far away, as the dogfish are known to stick close to the mackerel schools.

Increase Cold Storage Capacity.

The Grand Bank and Newfoundland Ice Co., Ltd., formed by the Hon. John Harvey and others, whose headquarters is Cape Broyle, has increased its capital, and its storage capacity from 2000 to 4000 tons, and added two more squid traps.

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Use Dogfish for Fertilizer.

Dogfish have found a bounty on the Pacific Coast. An establishment for the converting of dogfish and seaweed into fertilizer has been completed at Port Townsend, Wash. This is only one of a number of plants which are to be operated by the Pacific Products Co., which is reported to be financed by Seattle capitalists. The firm has located kelp beds along the shores of the Straits, and dogfish will be supplied by fishermen along the coast. It is said a high grade of fertilizer can be produced at a low figure.

ARRIVALS ARE BUT FEW TODAY

Only Four Crafts at T Wharf —Sch. Juno Has Big Cod Fare.

Only four new arrivals put in appearance at T wharf, Boston, during the night, sch. Robert and Arthur having 77,000 pounds and the steam trawler Spray, 72,000 pounds, which are the largest fares.

A nice trip is that of sch. Juno, arriving yesterday afternoon with 92,000 pounds.

Wholesale dealers quoted \$2.25 to \$3 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50 for small cod \$1 to \$2.25 for hake and \$3 for cusk.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

- Sch. Robert and Arthur, 3500 cod, 70,000 hake, 4000 cusk.
- Sch. Emily Sears, 200 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
- Str. Spray, 70,000 haddock 900 cod, 2000 catfish.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod.
- Sch. Yankees, 24,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Juno, 2500 haddock, 90,000 cod.
- Sch. Stranger, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.25; cusk, \$3.

SALT FISH ARE NOW FIRMER

Although the demand has not increased greatly, prices are firmer and no concessions are made, the Fishing Gazette says. Fish that 10 days ago could not be sold even at shaded prices is now moving at market quotations. The cool weather has been favorable for the preservation of stocks while it has probably retarded to some extent the catch of some varieties of fish. The outlook for dealers is not particularly good, as prices demanded by fishermen are high.

Salmon, both hard and mild cured, remains firm.

Reports from Lunenburg bankers show that the catch of cod has been rather uneven. Catches range from none at all to 1200 quintals. The latest news from Newfoundland is that the early shore catch has been less than usual, owing to ice. The "Maritime Merchant" says: "It is estimated that there are 20,000 quintals less fish on hand at outports in Newfoundland this year than usual and the influence of this situation is to give greater strength to the markets."

In New Brunswick and on the Gaspé coast the quantity of cod taken is ahead of last year's figures at this date.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.
- Drift codfish, large, \$4.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.
- Cape North codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.
- Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
- Hake, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

- Haddock, 90c per cwt.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.
- Peak cod, large, \$2 medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
- Cape North cod, large \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Hake, 90c.
- Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.
- Dressed pollock, 80c, round, 70c.

LANDING HERRING AT PORTLAND

More than 200 barrels of herring were brought in Sunday by the mosquito fleet, but none were landed as the cold storage houses had their freezing rooms full to the capacity. Evidently the herring fishermen overlooked the important fact that by crowding the plants with fish they are forcing the market down and will receive much less for their fish than they would otherwise. But then the saying is among the fish dealers, "It's a tough job to beat a fisherman." Usually he's got it all ways on the original Yankee stock.

The Preceptor disposed of her halibut yesterday morning. She came in too late Saturday to touch the market. By the way the buying of halibut nowadays lacks much of the life which is injected into it when Capt. Fred Marty is on the job. Capt. Fred has the faculty of making 'em go some even if he fails to get the fish.

The sloop Mineola, which brought in about 50 bbls. of herring Sunday and sold them to the Long Wharf Fish Co., the only herring sale of the day, brought in a handsome great cod caught in the seines while after the herring. It found a ready market.

The schooners Marsala and Hattie L. Trask, two Gloucester fishermen, which have been taking bait here, succeeded in getting away Saturday and are now headed for the halibut grounds. They came in last week with small fares owing to the dogfish, but rather expect to find on their arrival there this time that the dogfish have taken to more shallow water.

POOR WEEK AT FULTON MARKET

Last week was a very poor one for the salt water fish interests, says the Fishing Gazette. Whenever a holiday falls on Friday, as was the case last week, it makes a big hole in the receipts of the wholesale fish dealers and also causes prices to reach bottom.

Mackerel was the most plentiful variety of fish in the market. The netters landed something over 75,000 fish up to noon on Thursday. The heaviest receipts occurred on Wednesday, when about 35,000 fish were received. There were only five mackerel boats in the slips on Thursday, and as there was a severe storm on Wednesday the market men were not looking for any new arrivals until today. Large mackerel sold at 20 to 30 cents each and mediums at a shilling to 16 cents.

Bluefish smacks are beginning to make some good-sized hauls, though up to the present time the catches have not been as large as they will be later, probably during the coming month. In all 15 smacks reached the market this week with a total of 38,900 fish. Averaging the weight of each fish at 4 pounds, means a total of 15,800 pounds of bluefish. Some small vessels brought in a few bluefish. Bluefish sold at 6 to 10 cents.

Only two trips of codfish were landed at the market during the week, the total catch being 4200 fish, or about 30,000 pounds. Market codfish was cheap, the price being 3 to 5 cents per pound.

Steak cod could be had for little money. Sales were made at 6 to 8 cents per pound.

For the first time in months there was a lot of smack haddock in the market this week. It was landed from one of the codfishing boats. The catch was 800 fish, of 4000 pounds. Haddock sold at 3 to 4 cents per pound, with the exception of Thursday, when some sales were made at 5 cents.

There was enough halibut in the market last week to meet the demand. Western whitefish sold at 10 to 11 cents per pound. Eastern whitefish during the first half of the week brought 13 to 14 cents per pound. During the latter half of the week the price was 9 cents to a shilling per pound. The 9-cent fish was not of the very best.

Stake hake was quoted at 3 to 5 cents per pound. The high price prevailed on Thursday.